

CAPSULE SUMMARY

CT-236

Wilkinson House

905 Busters Lane

Owings, Calvert County

c1860, c1885

Private

The Wilkinson House at 905 Busters Lane is exemplary of a common late-19th-century practice in Calvert County of incorporating an older dwelling into the ell of a new and substantially larger addition and reorienting the house. The original portion of the house, dating to circa 1860, is the rear one-and-a-half-story portion of the ell. The two-and-a-half-story main block and ell of the house dates to circa 1885, and is believed to have been built by Alexander Wilkinson. Like other dwellings built during the late 19th century, the house at 905 Busters Lane exhibits late-Victorian-era decorative elements including variegated shingles in the west gable end and scroll-sawn brackets on the north porch. The side-hall plan and three-bay by two-bay form with a side-gable roof and ell is a form typical of the period, as well. Another prominent example of this house form is at Little Place (CT-197) near Sunderland. Although now divorced from its agricultural setting, the house was once the primary dwelling for one of the over 800 farms in Calvert County engaged primarily in tobacco cultivation in the 1880s. At least two tobacco barns are known to have existed on the site, but are now located on a separate parcel.

The main block of the house was constructed circa 1885 with minimal Queen Anne-style embellishments. The structure is wood frame with a solid foundation. The two-and-a-half-story main block measures three bays wide and two bays deep with a large rear ell. The house is clad in vinyl siding and has corner boards. The side-gabled roof is covered with asphalt shingles and has overhanging eaves and projecting gables. The gable end on the east elevation is clad with diamond-shaped wood shingles and pierced by an octagonal window. An interior brick chimney with a corbeled cap projects from the roof on the western end of the main block. A full-width, three-bay front porch has a half-hipped roof clad in asphalt shingles, turned posts with scroll-sawn brackets and square balusters. Associated with the house is a historic shed dating to the early 20th century.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CT-236

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Wilkinson House
other

2. Location

street and number 905 Busters Lane not for publication
city, town Owings vicinity
county Calvert

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Peter Panyon
street and number 905 Busters Lane telephone 301-812-1848
city, town Owings state MD zip code 20736

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 11:466
city, town Pr. Frederick liber ABE 959 folio 259

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
☐ Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	2
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	2
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Total
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			1

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SETTING. The rural property, encompassing five acres, is located on the east side of Southern Maryland Boulevard (Route 4) between Chaneyville and Sunderland. The sloping site has a gravel drive, mature trees, shrubs, and foundation plantings. Two tobacco barns, neither of which are extant, were located to the south and east of the main dwelling. A historic shed is located to the south of the house. An arbor is set to the west of the house, with a concrete-paved walk providing access. Directly to the east and northeast of the property is a modern suburban residential development.

PRIMARY RESOURCE The main block of the house at 905 Busters Lane was constructed circa 1885 with minimal Queen Anne-style embellishments. The structure is constructed of wood frame on a solid foundation. The two-and-a-half-story main block measures three bays wide and two bays deep with a large rear ell. The house is clad in vinyl siding and has corner boards. The side-gabled roof is covered with asphalt shingles and has overhanging eaves and projecting gables. The gable end on the east elevation is clad with diamond-shaped wood shingles and pierced by an octagonal window. An interior brick chimney with a corbeled cap projects from the roof on the western end of the main block. A full-width, three-bay front porch, detailed with Queen Anne-style elements, has a half-hipped roof clad in asphalt shingles. Turned posts with scroll-sawn brackets and square balusters support it. The window openings have 1/1 replacement vinyl-sash, 2/2 wood-sash, 4/4 wood-sash, and 6/6 wood-sash.

A two-story ell gives the building its present L-shaped form. The ell, which appears to be contemporaneous to the main block, has a gable roof clad in asphalt shingles and boxed cornice. An interior brick chimney projects from the southern end of the ell. A two-story shed-roof porch within the roof of the ell is located on the west elevation. The porch has turned posts and square balusters.

A one-and-a-half-story structure of wood frame is located on the south elevation of the ell. The current owner indicated that this was the oldest portion of the building, dating from circa 1860. (1) A previous MIHP form states the structure has mortised and tenoned sills held with trunnels, a description that supports a mid-19th-century date. This section of the building has a steeply pitched gable roof with asphalt singles. It is clad with vinyl siding and has single and paired 2/2 windows and an exterior-end brick chimney with a staggered base. A one-story hipped-roof addition was added to the east elevation of the circa 1860 portion. A wooden deck surround this modern addition.

SECONDARY RESOURCES. A one-story wood-frame shed, dating from the early 20th century, is located to the south of the building. It has a front-gable roof clad in corrugated metal sheets and exposed rafter ends. The structure, clad in flush vertical board siding, is set on a concrete pier foundation. Two openings with vertical board wood doors are located on the north elevation.

ENDNOTES

(1) Panyon, Peter. On-site interview by Carrie E. Albee, January 10, 2003.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates c1860, c1885

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates c1860, c1885

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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ENDNOTES

(1) "Wilkinson, Pot Hook and Route 4," CT-236. Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form for Historic Sites Survey. Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, MD.

(2) United States Federal Census, 1880. United States Federal Agricultural Census, 1880.

(3) "Wilkinson, Pot Hook and Route 4," CT-236. Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form for Historic Sites Survey. Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, MD.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 5.11 Acres

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name North Beach

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The historic house is located at 905 Busters Lane in Owings, Maryland. It has been associated with Tax Map 11, Parcel 466 since its construction in the mid-19th century. The current deed to the property can be found in the land records of Calvert County in the Calvert County Courthouse in Prince Frederick: Deed Book ABE 959: Page 259.

11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Crownsville MD 21032
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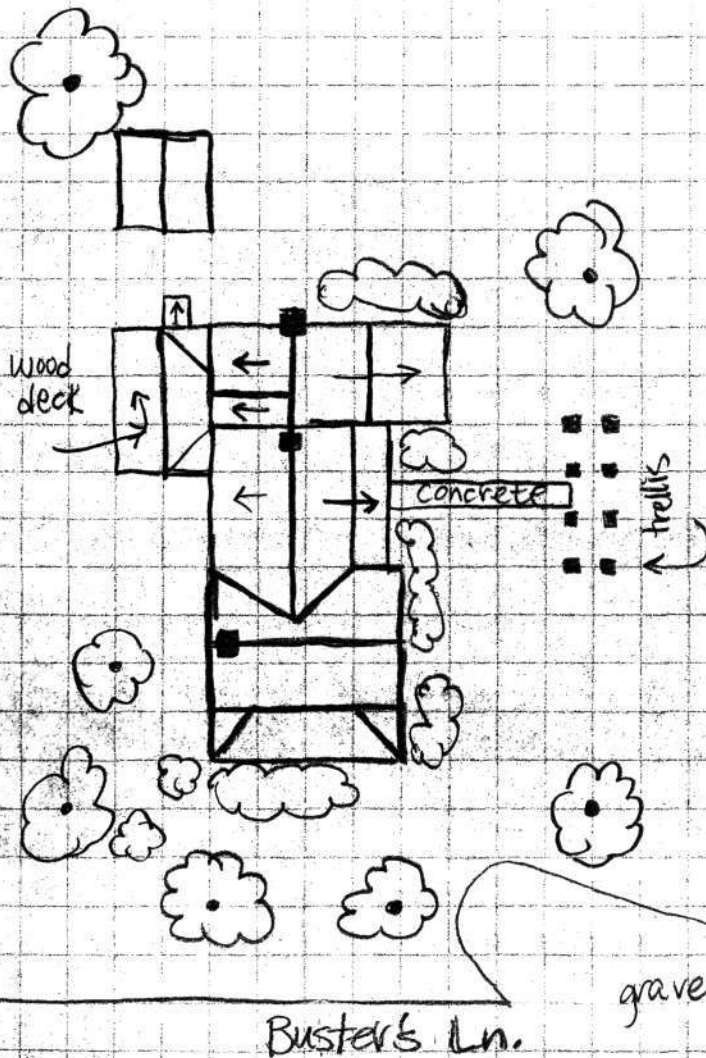
RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

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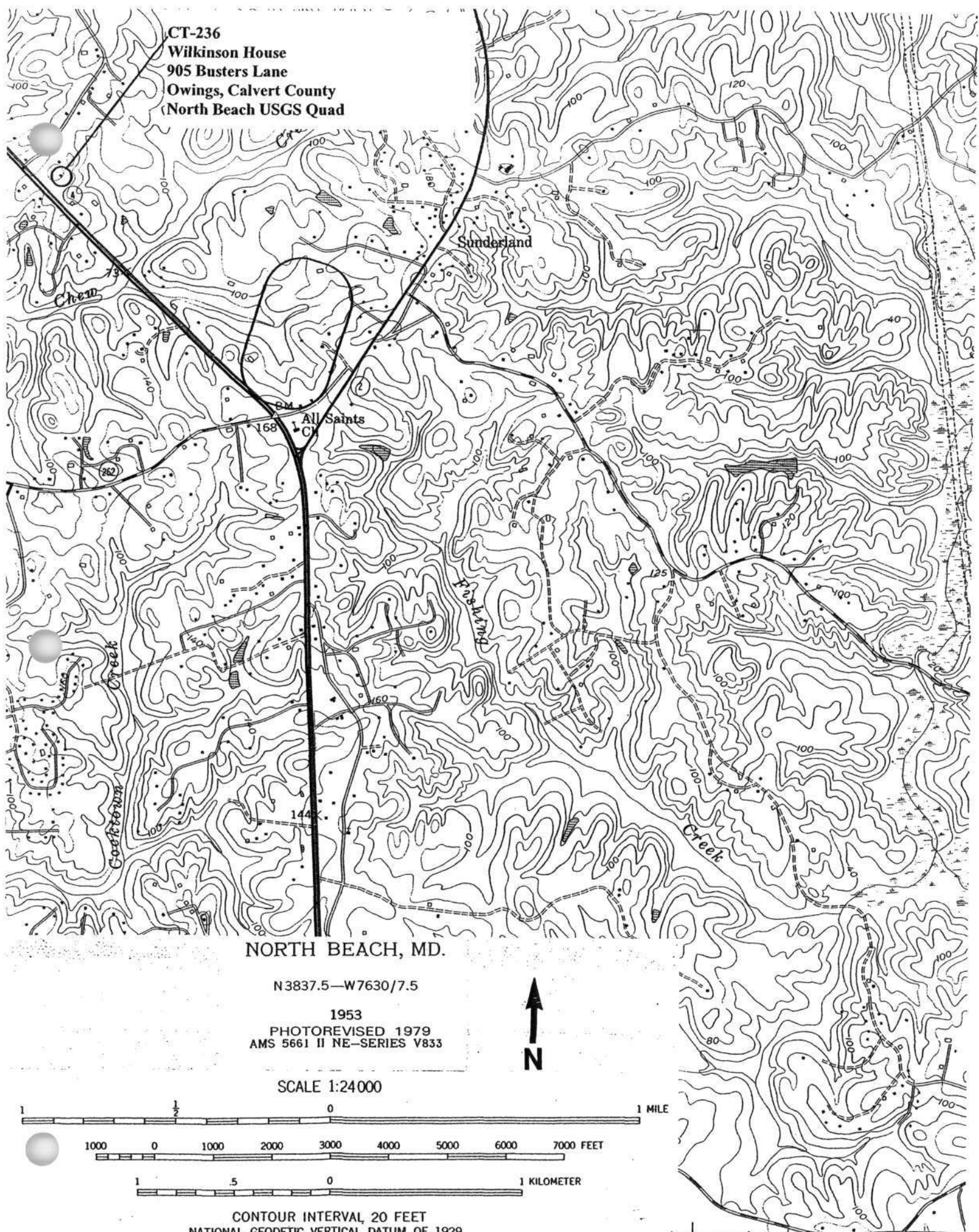
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(North Beach USGS Quad)

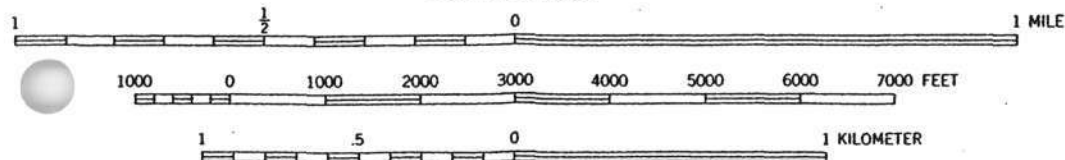


NORTH BEACH, MD.

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AMS 5661 II NE-SERIES V833

SCALE 1:24000



CONTOUR INTERVAL, 20 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER

35' 363



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House, NW corner

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MD SHPO

House, SE corner

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House, East Elevation

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905 Buster's Lane
Calvert County, MD

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House, NE corner

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Calvert County, MD

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Shed, NE corner

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